

Please amend Claims 2, 3, 4 and 8 as follows:

Sub D1
2. (Twice Amended) The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to Claim ~~[11]~~ 12 wherein the gel electrolyte comprises a ~~non-aqueous~~ liquid electrolyte containing a non-aqueous solvent and an electrolyte salt and [a] the high-molecular material weight having a nitrile group in its side chain.

Sub D2
3. (Twice Amended) The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to Claim ~~[11]~~ 12 wherein the high-molecular material weight having a nitrile group in its side chain is polyacrylonitrile.

Sub D3
4. (Twice Amended) The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to Claim ~~[11]~~ 12 wherein the high-molecular material weight having a nitrile group in its side chain is polyacrylonitrile and wherein the molar ratio of the acrylonitrile monomer to the non-aqueous solvent is ~~5:95~~ 5:95 to 30:70.

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8. (Twice Amended) The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to Claim ~~[11]~~ 12 wherein the positive electrode contains a lithium-coated compound.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2001. In the Office Action, Claims 11 and 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; and Claims 11 and 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 11 has been cancelled; Claim 12 has been newly added; and Claims 2-4 and 8 have been amended. A clean copy of amended Claims 2-4 and 8 without bracketing indicating deleted text and underlining indicating added text is attached hereto in the Appendix. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of pending Claims 11 and